

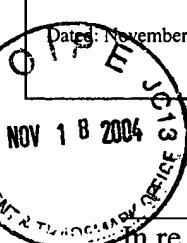
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For: MICROFLUIDIC CONTROL USING
DIELECTRIC PUMPING

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 17, 2004 (Paper No. 05062004), for which a response was due on August 17, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 17, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.